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Mainsheet

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Thunderbird Sailing Club

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Commodore Corbett Brown

What a busy month! The TSC meeting, Sailing Classes, and the West Marine Fun Regatta have kept the BoatHouse humming. It's amazing to see the dedication and hard work of our member-volunteers even during these dangerously hot summer days.

Even more amazing are the skills exhibited by our clients. From never having been aboard a sailboat to rigging, tacking upwind, gybing downwind, and in general handling their boats with enthusiasm and expertise.

We are pleased to have signed up new members this month, Ted and Betsey Strueli and Te Woei Poon. It's great to see our membership continue to grow.

Hope to see you on August 19 at the next TSC meeting and again on September 4 at the BoatHouse Volunteer Day and the famous McDonald's Cup Regatta!

Sickness and Distress

Thank you for calling and making inquiry about Dorrie's status. She has had two operations on her tibia and fibula. The first was an external fixator and the second was installing Ace Hardware's nuts and bolts section in her foot and ankle. When she has healed up on the lower extremities she will have knee surgery. She has done well emotionally but misses the children with whom she has bonded so well. We go over to the school from time to time for a visit and it is heartwarming to say the least. In addition to the children and parents we are extremely grateful that we are still on the right side of the clover so the struggle can continue. It has been a tremendous growth experience, and we are thankful we have a community of friends with the BoatHouse who share our concerns. Thanks for your call!

Sincerely, Dorrie and Gray Graham

Welcome aboard, new TSC members!

Ted and Betsey Streuli: Ted is managing editor of the Journal Record and they have a McGregor 25 "Seascope" at Little River.

Te Woei Poon: "Poon" as most of us know him, has been a member of the Sooner Sailing Club and an excellent volunteer at the BoatHouse.

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Note: The TSC and BoatHouse are sharing the new PO box as listed above!



LAKE THUNDERBIRD BOATHOUSE
Roger Elliott
President, LTEF

BoatHouse Partners' Volunteer Day!

Labor Day, Monday, September 4

The Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation and BoatHouse invite all BoatHouse volunteers, families and friends to come out and enjoy an afternoon at the lake on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2006.

Doors will open at noon on the 4th and a BBQ dinner will be served at about 3:30 pm. Also, the grill will be hot for "bring your own meat" if you prefer.

The Thunderbird Sailing Club will hold their annual McDonald's Cup Regatta starting at 1:30 pm. All are invited to participate in this fun regatta which consists of relay style racing in the little pram boats. Teams are drawn on the spot and the victorious team receives (for about 10 minutes) the coveted plastic McDonald's Drinking cup which is then proudly displayed in the BoatHouse.

Please come out, kick back, enjoy a beverage on the verandah, participate or watch the regatta and enjoy the meal and fellowship of fellow volunteers. Volunteers such as you are the life blood of the Boathouse operation. Without you there would be no BoatHouse or any of the associated programs and events. The LTEF and BoatHouse thank you and hope you enjoy the day.



West Marine Fun
Regatta 2006!
A great turnout
with perfect winds
made it another
wonderful regatta

Thanks to all the
kids, volunteers
and West Marine!

Vice Commodore Barbara Schindler

Ken Hoving, the speaker for our August 19 meeting, was sailing in the San Juan Islands when he returned my call. Growing up in Washington state, his urge to sail in the northwestern United States and Canada began in early life. He and his wife Adele spend about six weeks each summer sailing in the Puget Sound area and along the coast. He has circumnavigated Vancouver Island and sailed several times to Alaska.

Ken will illustrate his comments with a power point presentation of boats and scenery. His discussion will also focus on the pleasures and problems of sailing in that area. In our discussion, he mentioned that charters are readily available if club members are interested in an excursion.

In his professional career, he was Dean of the Graduate School and Vice President for Research at the University of Oklahoma. As a retiree, he can follow his passion for sailing and travel with friends and family.

Last month maritime historian Paul Gilje, professor of history at the University of Oklahoma was the speaker at the TSC meeting.

Dr. Gilje discussed his recent book, *Liberty on the Waterfront: American Maritime Culture in the Age of Revolution* (available on Amazon.com). He received his Ph.D. and his A.M. degrees from Brown University and his undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College.

Dr. Gilje's presentation was well attended and very interesting. A lively question and answer session followed his presentation.

Editor's note: See the article and photos from the August Adult Sailing Class where Dr. Gilje was a student and showed promise as an excellent sailor!

**Acting Treasurer Doris Dewberry/
Shoemaker**

The West Marine Fun Regatta went well even though Dave (you remember him, our world traveling treasurer) and I weren't there to help. Go Figure!

We apparently broke about even on the event, but there are a few more debit (cash tickets) out. Note the word I used, "debit". I am really getting into this Treasurer terminology. Scary isn't it?

On the credit side of the ledger we are showing a "gross" balance of \$6,156.45. Now "gross" is not one of my favorite words. We should change it to a "positive" balance of \$6,156.45. When I was in junior high (in that log cabin out by Denver Corner) the term "grossed out" was surely not positive.

I have also come up with a new way to save money for the members of the TSC. We should carpool to meetings! I mean with gas at \$3.00 a gallon, think about how much we could save if only we could meet at a central location and shuttle people in and out. Like in the 60's (1960's), we could get at least 8 members into an old VW Bug and become closer friends and save on fuel. If interested, please let me know!

Editor's note: Doris, how about just coming by our home in Edmond about 4PM on meeting nights to pick Barbara and me up while you are on your membership run. I think Rog and Cheri would like a ride too. Oh yes, and while you are in the area, be sure to pick up Corbett as well.

FLEET CAPTAIN Kerry Knowles

**Thunderbird Sailing Club
2006 Race and Recreation Schedule**

09/04	Monday McDonalds Cup	1:30
09/10	Sunday Commodores Cup Race	1:00
10/07	Saturday Layton Regatta	10:00
11/05	Sunday Hiram Douglass Regatta	10:00

And other fun and challenging events as may be deemed necessary and be sure to **come out for the McDonald's Cup Regatta on Labor Day!**

Kerry Knowles, Fleet Captain

PS. The CAST for Kids fishing derby is Sat. 9/16/06!



Above, Dr. Gilje listens intently to one of the many questions following his presentation.

Above, TSC Commodore Corbett Brown presents Dr. Gilje with one of the famous BoatHouse coffee mugs!

Small Boat Sailing, August 2006

By: Mike Klatt

This year's second Small Boat Sailing class took place at the BoatHouse from Monday, July 31 to Monday, August 7. There were four students in this class: **Paul Gilje, Karen and Andy Rieger, and Daniel Walker**. In addition to myself as the primary instructor, eleven BoatHouse volunteers helped with the class for a total of 94 volunteer hours: **David Brooks, Corbett Brown, Chad Cox, Les Cummings, Howard Haines, Courtney Holman, Glede Holman, Phil Moershel, Adela Rojas, Jesus Salas, and Lee Smith**. Thanks to all!

Weather was a big story for this class. It was very hot most of the week, and adequate hydration was the order of the day. There was relief from the heat on Thursday as thunderstorms threatened to curtail the keelboat portion of the class. Fortunately, the storms stayed clear of Lake Thunderbird and gave us spectacular views and pleasant winds and temperatures. Light and variable winds challenged the students for much of the class. With constantly changing wind directions, they often found themselves tacking or jibing without moving the tiller. The winds on the final evening of class were steady and breezy and made for some great sailing to wrap things up.

The biggest story of this class was a visit from the television show *Discover Oklahoma*. A producer from the show contacted me a week before class started and expressed an interest in doing a segment on sailing classes at the BoatHouse. Arrangements were made for the segment to be filmed during the keelboat session on August 3. The weather rearranged our plans a little bit, but the *Discover Oklahoma* crew (Shel Wagner, Tommy Evans, and Matt Patterson) got the footage they were looking for. Howard Haines was interviewed as the BoatHouse spokesman, and Karen Rieger was asked for a student's perspective. Footage of class was taken in the classroom and aboard *Enya* during some excellent sailing. The BoatHouse segment is scheduled to air on Saturday, August 26 at 6:30 pm on KWTW.

Editor's note: See page 7 for more information on the filming by *Discover Oklahoma*. Photos from the sailing class are below.



Daniel Walker on the Sunfish



Karen Rieger and Paul Gilje on the the Widgeon



Discover Oklahoma films the crew working on the Whimsy



Andy Rieger sailing the Dolphin



Karen Rieger leaving the shore on a Sunfish



Andy Rieger and Daniel Walker try their hand on the Widgeon



YOUR
LAKE
THUNDERBIRD
BOATHOUSE



You and yours are invited!

4th annual BoatHouse Volunteer Appreciation Day

When: Labor Day, Monday September 4

Where: Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse

Schedule:

BH Doors open at noon
McDonald's Cup: 1:30PM
Dinner: 3:30ish

Grill will be hot for those wishing to bring their own food.

Chef Roge' is hosting the event as President of the LTEF

You are welcome to bring a covered dish to share, but it is not necessary.

This is the 4th annual Volunteer's Day to thank all our BH consortium partners for their efforts on behalf of the BoatHouse and its mission!

See you on Labor Day: no work allowed at the BH that day!



LAKE THUNDERBIRD BOATHOUSE
Les Cummings
Fundraising Chair, LTF

We have received our Financial Analysis/Review by Larry Pace, CPA for the 2005 fiscal year. Following are the highlights of the report as of 12/31/05. The Form 990 has been submitted to the IRS.

Assets:

Cash and equivalents: \$ 10,295

Property and Equipment:

Building and Improvements: 189,755

Boats and Trailers 34,416

Equipment 9,878

Furniture and fixtures 6,783

Less Accumulated depreciation (46,135)

Net Fixed Assets: \$194,697

Other Assets:

Dave Shumake Endowment: 12,092

Total Assets: \$217,084

Liabilities: -0-

Net Assets:

Unrestricted: 204,662

Temporarily restricted 330

Permanently restricted 12,092

Total net assets: 217,084

Total Liabilities and Net Assets: \$217,084

Financial notes include \$18,400 invested in capital expenditures during 2005. Donations including gifts-in-kind were \$18,319. Change in net assets for the year was (\$5,063) including \$12,296 in depreciation. **The LTFE Public Support percentage was 99.90. This means that only 1/10th of one percent of our expenses was spent administratively to run the LTFE in 2005!**

The Dave Shumake Endowment continues to grow thanks to the board's wise decision to invest 10% of all 'unrestricted' financial gifts to the endowment.

LTFE Board Members are: Roger Elliott, President, Frank Lawler, VP, Connie Divine, Treasurer, and Chad Cox, Secretary. Other members are Steve Johnson, Marilyn Friend, Janie Davis, Phil Dame, Walt Hedrick, Corbett Brown, Howard Haines, and Les Cummings.

Neville Koop, moving to Australia

The BoatHouse Consortium expresses its appreciation to Neville Koop for his help and dedication to organize the Lake Thunderbird Jr. Sailing Team. Having been the Fiji Island Optimist Coach has enabled Neville to train the TSC kids into excellent sailors.

As an employee of Weathernews, Inc. his work has required his services in many parts of the world, most often in the South Pacific.

The photo below shows Neville being presented a PFD inscribed with "Coach Koop and Thunderbird Jr. Sailing Team, Norman, Oklahoma". He will proudly wear that PFD back in Sydney, Australia.

Thank you Neville for all you have done! You will be greatly missed by your Jr. Sailors and your friends at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse.



Paul Reynolds of the TSC Jr. Sailing Team presents Neville with the inscribed PFD on behalf of the parents and kids of the TSC Jr. Sailing Team!

C.S.S.A. Representative: Karen Mellgren

Here we go! The Central States Sailing Association racing season starts right here at TSC!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at 321-7968.

August

12-13 CSSA Junior Championship Regatta @WLYC (J)

26-27 Cat Chase @NSA (O)

September

2-3 C.O.R.N. Regatta @NSA (A)

23-24 R.O.C.K. One-Design Regatta @ Kaw City OK (A)

October

21-22 Frostbite Regatta @OCBC (S)

November

4 CSSA Annual Meeting @ NSA (U)

5 **Hiram Douglas Regatta @TSC (A)**

Note: TSC EVENTS ARE IN BOLD

The CAST FOR KIDS FISHING DERY IS 9/16/06!

WEST MARINE FUN REGATTA: 2006
Dedicated to Vesta Gettys and Dave Shumake

The third annual West Marine Fun Regatta was held on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, Lake Thunderbird State Park, Norman, Oklahoma. Thanks to terrific volunteers and excellent communications with the West Marine office in Watsonville and with our local store manager, Bob Haeslet, the event went off without a hitch! The event was dedicated to BoatHouse supporters and former TSC members Vesta Gettys and Dave Shumake.

The terrific prizes, shirts, tattoos, discount coupons, and decals were received in plenty of time allowing us to spend our time with advertising and planning for the event. Letters were mailed to some 130 former kid's sailing camp clients, and notices of the West Marine Fun Regatta were sent out by the Central States Sailing Association as well as being published on their website and on the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse website

A three-day Opti clinic held at the Oklahoma City Boat Club ended the day prior to the West Marine Fun Regatta. That coupled with the very hot 100 degree heat, kept some of the kids/parents away. However, with 31 registrants, 30 volunteers, 4 safety boats, and some 30 parents and guardians in attendance, the event was terrific. Participants represented the Oklahoma City Boat Club, Ninnescah Jr. Sailing Team (Kansas), Oklahoma City Sea Scout Ship, Norman Sea Scout Ship, the Oklahoma High School Sailing Association, and the Thunderbird Jr. Sailing Team. Having a great turnout for the on/near shore events always makes the event well attended and introduces lots of kids to sailing and other water sports and activities as well as to West Marine!

The winners of each event were as follows: (**Red Fleet** experienced, **Green Fleet** novice)

Red Fleet:	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
<u>Sunfish</u>	Sam Shelley	Curtis Kramer	Collin Gold
	Raymond Koop received the Red Fleet Sportsmanship award (racing gloves)		

<u>Opti</u>	Allison Aughtry	Monica Aughtry	Gavin Howard
	Courtney Holman received the "Had the most fun award" (PFD)		

Green Fleet:	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
<u>Vanguard</u>			
<u>Pram</u>	Tommy Uglean	Joel Heldreth	Gehrig Thurston

<u>Opti</u>	Kelley Cole	Lauren Pinegar	Bryan Boyce
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Prizes were given as follows: Gill racing watch for 1st place, Huahine 7X50 Binoculars for 2nd Place, and the West Marine Duffle Bag for 3rd Place. We also gave out \$100 in \$20 West Marine Gift Certificates, used for the three winners in the near/on shore events, one for the Principal Race Officer, and one for a drawing for the adults purchasing dinner. We used the AquaZooka water guns for the second and third place winners in the "Other" event categories which worked out great. Ms. Allison "Lynn" Pinegar presented the Green Fleet sailing clinic. Thanks Lynn!

Other event winners were:

<u>Rowing:</u>	<u>First</u> Garrett Gibbs	<u>Second</u> Delanie Beevers	<u>Sportsmanship</u> Alonna Nellis
<u>Kayaking:</u>	Matt Murdough	Joe Nostrand	Dustin Welch
<u>Raingutter-Sailing:</u>	Micha Brown	Joe Nostrand	Isaac Reynolds

Ed. Note: see page 9 for photos from the West Marine Fun Regatta!

**Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse:
Subject of Discover Oklahoma TV show**

Thanks to Mike Klatt, Howard Haines, Chad Cox and others, the BoatHouse and its mission of public service, sailing, and water safety courses will be highlighted on KWTV at 6:30 PM August 26. The filming took place Thursday August 3 during the recent August Adult Sailing Class. Producer Shel Wagner, Cameraman Tommy Evans, and Production Assistant Matt Patterson arrived at the BoatHouse shortly after 4PM and were met by Mike, Chad, and Les. The initial sailing trip scheduled at 4PM with the DO crew was postponed due to storms/lightning in the area. However, we used the available time to give our guests a nice tour of the BoatHouse and grounds. At 5PM Howard arrived and was interviewed by Producer Shel Wagner with assistance by Cameraman Tommy Evans and Production Assistant Matt Patterson.

The crew stayed on until the classroom portion of the evening's training was completed in order to take a pleasant sail with sailing students: Paul Gilje, Karen Rieger, Andy Rieger, and Daniel Walker. Note: Paul presented a terrific presentation from his book, "Liberty on the Waterfront, American Maritime Culture in the Age of Revolution" at the July TSC meeting. Many of you also will recognize Andy Rieger and his wife Karen; Andy is managing editor of the Norman Transcript. Chad and Les Cummings split up the group and took them for a pleasant sailing trip on their keelboats after the storm passed. See photos below:



Above, Howard Haines on left prepares for Discover Oklahoma's TV show interview. Producer, Shel Wagner is assisted by Cameraman Tommy Evans, and Production Assistant Matt Patterson. Below, left to right are Paul Gilje, Karen Rieger, Andy Rieger, and Chad Cox. Photos by Les Cummings



Above, Cameraman, Tommy Evans films Howard's interview with Producer, Shel Wagner. Additional footage was filmed in the classroom and aboard the Enya with the film crew and student. Below, from left: Tommy Evans, Shel Wagner, Matt Patterson, Mike Klatt, and Daniel Walker. Photos by Les Cummings



July Kid's Sailing Camp Report

The second Sailing Smart camp for 2006 at The Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse ended July 15 with 7 new sailors!

The winds were ideal, somewhat a compensation for the heat. However, they were so light on Tuesday, the first day to practice tacking on a line, that the students were released to sail solo. The winds built over the week so that the students sailed in decent winds as they gained confidence and ability. This year, the winds have been the best in the 5 years we have had the camps. The July camp students were **Reed Shafer-Ray, Keegan Freese, Thomas Grzbowski, Billy Norlin, Seth and Nathan Smith** and **Tommy Uglean** (who won first place in the Pram Fleet in the West Marine Fun Regatta)!

The BoatHouse owes thanks to Chad and Pat Cox, Howard Haines, Lee Smith and Rick Eager for running the camp for the week, and Kerry Knowles, Laura Smith, Les Cummings, Rodger Elliot, Te Woei Poon, Bill Brackett and Paul Reynolds for helping on Saturday, the serious work day of the camp.

Photos of the camp are as follows:



Another terrific safety boat added to the fleet!

The LTEF and the BoatHouse Consortium expresses its appreciation to **Jerry Hargis** for donating a 16' fiberglass Kingfisher fishing boat. It has a very nice Johnson 25hp engine, depth sounder, anchors, stick steering, and electric trolling motor. The boat has been used in all the camps this year and is a favorite among the instructors because of the quiet trolling motor allowing conversations with the students. Thank you Jerry!

On the right: Chad and crew heading out to place one the marks for the West Marine Fun Regatta. —>



Photos from the 2006 West Marine Fun Regatta





Next Meeting!

Sat. August 19, 6:00 PM at the BoatHouse

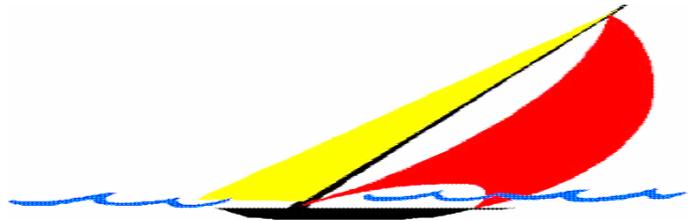
Ken Hoving will present a program on sailing in the Northwest Puget Sound area!

Bring your friends and a favorite dish to share!

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Aint' we got a lot of fun?



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